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**May 23, 2018** – The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) has repaired or replaced 101 homes of the most vulnerable citizens affected by Hurricane Matthew, completing more than 50 homes in Marion County alone. Being one of the hardest hit counties, Marion County has more than 600 citizens eligible for assistance, and SCDRO plans to serve every client possible until the funds are depleted. This effort is made possible via a Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery. The purpose of this taxpayer funded housing recovery effort is to stabilize the population and provide eligible citizens with evidence of storm damage a safe, sanitary, and secure home. Citizens in the program completed the application through the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office (PDR). PDR is a FEMA funded disaster case management agency that collaborates with SCDRO to accelerate the recovery efforts. These programs are designed to assist low-to-moderate income households and serve South Carolina’s most vulnerable populations. The highest priority is given to citizens who are 65 years or older, persons with documented disabilities, or households with children five years or younger. Citizens accepted into the program are provided with award letters informing them of the next steps in the program and it is up to the citizen to decide if they will participate in the program. SCDRO intends to repair or replace approximately 1,350 homes of our most vulnerable citizens under this grant program.

For more information on the program, visit <https://www.scdr.sc.gov/>